

QUARTERLY REPORT

January - March 1993

Efforts to investigate the Roswell UFO crash case continued during the first quarter of 1993. The Fund received -- and eventually approved -- a proposal by Karl Pflock, a former deputy assistant secretary of defense and currently a full-time researcher/writer, to conduct further research into the case. The grant will support general investigation costs and a field investigation trip to New Mexico to interview additional witnesses and to obtain documentary evidence.

During this period, the Fund also approved a proposal to support research expenses of Leonard Stringfield into reported UFO crash/retrieval cases. The amount of support will be up to \$1,200 in 1993.

On February 6, the Fund sponsored the first of what may be a series of conferences on the UFO abduction phenomenon. Fifty-five persons attended the invitation-only suburban Washington, DC, conference, including abduction researcher Budd Hopkins and 20 "experiencers" -- a dozen of whom participated in a lengthy panel discussion on the phenomenon. The conference was coordinated by board member Richard Hall, who has been conducting a local abduction investigation effort. (Hall's report on the five-year investigation, *Testing Reality: A Research Guide for the UFO Abduction Experience*, is now available from the Fund. See the enclosed Reply Form for details.)

Also during this period, the Executive Committee approved a proposal submitted by John Kasher, Ph.D., professor of physics and astronomy at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, to analyze a videotape shot on board the space shuttle *Discovery* in October 1991, which he believes shows truly anomalous objects instead of ice particles (as maintained by NASA). Dr. Kasher proposes to use two graduate students and a \$17,000 work station to conduct the analysis. The committee agreed that the proposal was a worthwhile project and voted unanimously in favor of providing Dr. Kasher with up to \$400.

A panel consisting of board members Don Berliner (an aviation and science writer), Richard Hall (abstractor/editor), and Fred Whiting (former broadcast journalist) selected winners of the 1992 Donald Keyhoe Journalism Award competition, which is sponsored by the Fund. The winners were:

- **First Place:** Christopher Evans of the Cleveland *Plain Dealer* for his article describing a U.S. Coast Guard investigation into the March 4, 1988, landing of an unidentified flying object on a frozen Lake Erie, near Fairport, OH. Evans received a \$500 cash prize.
- **Second Place:** Annette Gillespie, staff writer of the Bradenton, FL, *Herald*, who wrote about the UFO abduction phenomenon, with four articles featuring local abduction witnesses who described their experiences. Gillespie received a \$250 award for her entry.

■ **Third Place:** Dawn Shurmaitis, a reporter for *The Times Leader* of Wilkes-Barre, PA, for a detailed examination of UFO activity and interest in the subject throughout the state. Shurmaitis received a \$100 prize.

■ **Honorable Mention:** Robin Hart, Living Section Editor of the *Foothill Leader* in Glendale, CA, for an article about a UFO "abductees" support group; and Laura Lee Janssen, reporter for the Williamsport, PA *Sun-Gazette*, for an article on a local UFO sighting report.

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Income

Donations	\$13,374.00
Sales	3,189.07
Postage	308.66
Interest	<u>46.43</u>

Total Income **\$16,918.16**

Expenses

Program Services	\$14,462.81
Administration	973.82
Fundraising	<u>2,260.34</u>

Total Expenses **\$17,696.97**

Balance **(\$778.81)**

Current Assets

Checking Account	\$1,637.92
Dreyfus Account	3,199.19
Hanson S&L	2,294.28
Accounts Receivable	<u>941.76</u>

Total Assets **\$8,073.15**

Long-Term Liabilities

Crash/retrieval research	\$1,200.00
Roswell DC Trip	5,700.00
Roswell research	141.39
WSPG project	840.00
Abduction research	<u>5,740.57</u>

Total Liabilities **\$13,621.96**

Net Worth **(\$5,548.81)**

Do you support the need for quality reporting into the UFO phenomenon? Then we need your support for the 1993 *Donald Keyhoe Journalism Award*. We must raise at least \$2,000 to administer the award competition for 1993. Copies of the 1992 award winners will be sent to anyone who donates at least \$25.

Unless you have made a contribution to the Fund since January 1993, this may be the last issue of the *Quarterly Report* you will receive. Due to the increasing costs of postage and printing, we simply can't afford to send the *Quarterly Report* to anyone but current donors. Please enclose a contribution of at least \$10 to ensure that you will receive our *Quarterly Report* through 1993.

Premiums

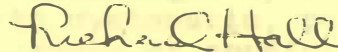
Contributors of \$25 or more will receive a free copy of my recently completed report based on a five-year study of abductees, "Testing Reality: A Research Guide for the UFO Abduction Experience."

For \$50 or more, you will receive this report and a copy of the VHS videotape "UFO Round Table" produced by the Fund in 1992. (If you already have the videotape, we will donate a copy of it in your name to a local cable TV station or educational institution of your choice. It is a scholarly discussion of the abduction phenomenon suitable for professional and academic audiences.)

For \$100 or more you will receive both of the above, plus a gift certificate for \$25 toward purchase of any of our publications or products now or in the future.

Please join us in making this program a success.

Sincerely,



Richard Hall
Chairman

To: Fund for UFO Research
Box 277
Mt. Rainier, MD 20712

I enclose a contribution as indicated in support of Dan Wright's abduction data base project.

☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$200 ☐ Other

☐ Please send me the premium(s) as offered. (*)

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Name: _____

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Praise for the Project

"Dan Wright has put into operation a program that is immensely useful. His idea of providing a national data base is a sound one. Personally I believe that the idea might be somewhat ahead of its time, because we do not yet have an acceptable level of standardization of methodology. However, his plan is certainly one in the right direction and when standardization comes about he will already have a valuable data base in place. I believe that the Fund's support of Dan Wright would be a worthwhile endeavor. Dan's program is one of the few that cuts across all political and geographical barriers to directly help people who are engaged in this extremely important enterprise." --Dr. David M. Jacobs, Temple University

"Dan Wright's data base project quite simply addresses the most outstanding need of current UFO scholarship. The skeptics argue that all those UFO reports collected over the years prove nothing, and we prove them right by failing to marshall this treasure of data into systematic, persuasive evidence. Dan's project promises levels of sophistication and comprehensiveness never available before. I can only imagine that we will see many clues to the nature and meaning of UFO encounters that we overlooked earlier. No one is better qualified than Dan to carry out this project. His care and thoroughness in coordinating field research has prepared him to bring a vital new tool to ufology, and I cannot recommend more highly a project worthy of support."--Dr. Eddie Bullard, University of Indiana

"The data base is potentially a tremendously valuable research tool. It will bring therapists, investigators, and scholars of the abduction phenomenon together. It will enable researchers to study important questions relating to the degree of uniformity of the accounts, the similarity of details reported to different investigators, and the temporal origin of newly emerging features of the phenomenon. It will also be tremendously useful to the investigators, not only by providing them with transcripts of their own sessions, but also by enabling them to improve their questioning and investigative techniques by studying those of their colleagues. Finally, it will bring to light many old transcripts, now virtually forgotten, that were made before contamination by cultural influences became a serious problem."--Dr. David E. Pritchard, M.I.T.

REPLY FORM 1Q93

Below is my printed name and address:

(Name)

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution in the amount of:

___ \$1,000

___ 500

___ 250

___ 100

___ \$50

___ 25

___ 10

Other: ___

___ My contribution of \$25 or more is enclosed. Please send me a copy of the winning entries from the 1992 Keyhoe Journalism Award competition.

___ My contribution of at least \$10 is enclosed. Please keep me informed of new developments in UFO research through 1993.

In addition, please send the materials indicated below:

___ *Testing Reality: A Research Guide for the UFO Abduction Experience* by Richard Hall -- results of a pilot study of abduction case reports from the Washington, D.C., area from 1988 - 1992, involving approximately 50 individuals. A valuable resource for any UFO abduction case investigator. 25 pages, stapled.

\$5.00

___ "Abduction Roundtable: New Insights into the UFO Abduction Phenomenon" -- a videotape of a panel discussion involving leading researchers into the UFO abduction phenomenon. 60 minutes (VHS format only).

\$30.00

___ *Crash at Corona* by Stanton T. Friedman and Don Berliner -- the most comprehensive and readable account to date concerning the reported crash of at least one UFO in New Mexico in July 1947. Hardcover. (Limited supply.)

\$19.95

___ *The Roswell Events: A Congressional Briefing Paper* -- an expanded version of the document compiled in 1991 for presentation to congressional staff in August 1992. It draws on information contained in all of the significant books and papers published on the Roswell case since 1980. 45 pages, stapled.

\$15.00

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\$ ___

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